

REMARKS

This document is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 29, 2005 ("Office Action"). Applicant has (i) cancelled claims 5, 12, and 40 and (ii) amended claims 47 and 50 to promote clarity as suggested by the Examiner. No new matter is introduced.

The amendments should be entered as they raise no new issues that will require further consideration or search and also do not touch the merits of the application within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b).

Upon entry of the proposed amendments, claims 13, 21, 23, 24, 45, 47, 48, 50, 55-57, 61, 62, and 75 will be under examination. Among them, claims 13, 21, 23, 24, 45, 55-57, and 75 have been allowed. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the remarks below.

The Examiner rejected or objected to claim 5, 12, or 40 on a number of grounds. See the Office Action, page 2, line 15 to page 7, line 8. While not conceding the appropriateness of the rejections and objection, Applicant has canceled these three claims, thereby rendering the rejections and objection moot.

The Examiner also rejected or objected to claim 47, 48, 50, 61, or 62 for containing informalities. See the Office Action, page 8, lines 1-11. Applicant has rectified the informalities and respectfully request withdrawn of the rejection and objection.

CONCLUSION

Based on the remarks set forth above, Applicant submits that all of the pending claims cover allowable subject matter. On this basis, it is submitted that allowance of this application is proper, and early favorable action is solicited.

Enclosed is a Petition for Three Month Extension of Time. The extension fees in the amount of \$510 are being paid concurrently on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization.

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